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**124,344 in Franklin County Responded to Siren Alert**

## Tornado Drill Participants Up 48 Percent From Previous Year



Franklin County schools, businesses and congregate care facilities responded to the Statewide Tornado Drill during March Severe Weather Awareness Week in record numbers, according to survey returns.

More than 124,000 people were counted this year — 40,563 more than last year.

Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security mailed 1,580 letters throughout the County urging managers and supervisors to review tornado plans and conduct safety drills on 25 March at 9:50AM.

The agency asked for a detailed account of their participation, whether it was a safety briefing or a full practice evacuation to a designated safe place.

## Summer Safety Fairs, Festivals Bring Families Together



Christopher Koval, 13 months, gets an unexpected greeting from "Lady" at the Westerville Safety Fest recently. "Lady" awaits adoption at the Franklin County Dog Shelter. For more information visit [www.FranklinCountyDogs.com](http://www.FranklinCountyDogs.com).

The third week in June brought more than box office venues. Free safety awareness programs and celebrations with music, food, crafts and dance were in full swing in neighborhoods, townships and corporations around Franklin County.



Simulated foam, used to suppress fires, serves as a soapy solution to the summer heat for adults and kids. It was a full day of activities for families in Reynoldsburg who visited the 7th Annual Division of State Fire Marshal Fire Safety Expo & Muster. More than 3,000 people attended the 23 June event.

**M**itchell J. Brown brings more than three decades of public safety experience to the Columbus Department of Public Safety.

Prior to his appointment in January 1999, he was the Director of the Ohio Lottery Commission. From 1996-1999, Brown served as the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, overseeing 3,867 employees and a \$844 million budget. He led the completion of Ohio's largest building construction project, completing it on schedule and \$16 million under budget.

As Registrar for the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles from 1991-1996, Brown administered a one billion-dollar biennium budget and oversaw personnel policies and labor relations for 860 employees. Brown served as Director of the Department of Public Safety for the City of Cleveland from 1986-1989, overseeing 3,300 employees. His other accomplishments include enhancing the 911 system, implementing a comprehensive management training program and upgrading the Division of Fire Hazmat unit. Under Brown's leadership, the first police helicopter unit and canine unit were created.

From 1980-1986, Director Brown served as the Commissioner for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at the Department of Public Safety in Cleveland. Brown attended the Senior Executive Program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 1985, and he attended the University of Pittsburgh. He served in the United States Air Force from 1966-1969.

**"As a long time member of the EMA Executive Committee, I have gotten to see first hand the agencies excellent work," said Brown. "EMA plays an important role in Central Ohio's emergency preparedness planning."**

**Editor's Note:** Each edition we feature an Executive Committee member and profile their duties and vision for FCEM&HS. George Speaks serves as alternate.

**Jamie Stout** joins the FCEM&HS staff as the new agency **Planner**. The University of Akron graduate earned an Associate's in Applied Science in Criminal Justice Technology and a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management (*summa cum laude*). Stout served as Licking County Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Coordinator and Health Department Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. She wrote plans for mass vaccinations, smallpox outbreaks and incidents of bioterrorism. She also conducted independent trainings on bioterrorism for first responders and college students and received her Professional Development Series Certificate through FEMA in 2004.



**Janelle Goodwin** joins the FCEM&HS staff as the new **Administrative Assistant**. The Columbus State Community College student worked as a Chase Home Finance Customer Care Professional. Previously she served as a senior personnel technician with the Cuyahoga County Department of Human Resources where, in the Payroll Division, she prepared and maintained personnel actions, finance records, timesheets, position descriptions and inquiries. She was also a secretary in the same division performing a variety of administrative and customer service responsibilities.



**FCEM&HS Office is closed Wednesday, July 4, 2007 in observance of Independence Day. Normal office hours will resume Thursday, July 5, 2007.**

### Upcoming Meetings

July 5	1:30PM	800 MHz Safety and Tech Ops Subcommittee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
July 10	9AM	Franklin County Fire Chiefs Association	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
July 10	1:30PM	800 MHz Service and Tech Ops Subcommittee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
July 10	3PM	Debris Management	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
July 11	10AM	Homeland Security Advisory Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
July 11	1:30PM	800 MHz Advisory Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
July 11	2PM	Central Ohio Public Information Network	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
July 18	9AM	Executive Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
July 25	9AM	9-1-1 Managers	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.



**Gary L. Holland, Director**

**Jim Leonard, Deputy Director**

**Jan Bartel, Finance**

**Art Baker, Manager, Warning/EOC**

**Jamie Stout, Planning**

**Pam Tickle, Grants/Training**

**Janelle Goodwin, Administrative Assistant**

**Robert Crockett, Public Information/Community Education/Outreach**

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# Got Time? Enjoy Helping Your Community?



If you answered “yes” to either question, then your assistance is needed! First Responders, Emergency Management, Local Governments, Health Departments, Hospitals and other Community Partners are teaming up on **September 6, 2007** to conduct a full-scale exercise that will test the community’s response to multiple incidents within Franklin County. In order for the day to be a success, we need more than **300 volunteers** to act as mock victims, mock family members and others to serve as support for the overall event.

## Event Details (Subject to Change):

**September 6, 2007**

**6am-10pm**

**Multiple locations throughout Franklin County**

## To Show Your Support for this Event:

Contact Barb Lyon at [blyon@goodhealthcolumbus.org](mailto:blyon@goodhealthcolumbus.org) and provide the following information:

**Your name**

**Mailing Address**

**Contact Numbers**

**Email Address**

**Best times to volunteer** (*early morning, mid-day, afternoon, evening*)

**Volunteer interest** (*mock victim, mock family member, event support*)

**\*\*If you have a group that would like to volunteer, please complete the above information and include the number of people committed to helping that day.**

**Please email your information to Barb by July 23, 2007.**

## What to Expect Next:

As plans are confirmed for the exercise, you will receive a confirmation notice via email and/or by phone of your volunteer assignment along with appropriate reporting instructions. **Please note all event details and volunteer needs are subject to change.**

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Lyon at 614-255-4422 or [blyon@goodhealthcolumbus.org](mailto:blyon@goodhealthcolumbus.org). Thank you for your support!